



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEAR UP GEORGIA WEEK

- WHEREAS: The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase access to higher education and prepare a greater number of low-income students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia serves more than 11,000 students and their families in grades nine through twelve. Many of these students will be the first person in their family to go to college, as the program helps all participants build strong academic foundations to ensure greater opportunities for future success; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia provides students from low-income communities, minority students, and first-generation college students with the tools to succeed in higher education. GEAR UP Georgia offers services including tutoring, mentoring, rigorous academic preparation, financial literacy, test preparation, FAFSA completion assistance and college scholarship support; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia is made possible by public-private partnerships and resources provided by state agencies, businesses, and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia is the result of a partnership between the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Georgia Alliance of Educational Agency Heads and other organizations; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia is committed to providing all children with a quality education so that each student may achieve his or her highest potential both in the classrooms of today and in the workforce of tomorrow; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2018, as GEAR UP GEORGIA WEEK.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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